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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: JAPANESE NGO PARTICIPATION

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1. SOHYO HEADQUARTERS STAFFER NORIHISA ARAI AND DOMEI POLITICAL BUREAU DIRECTOR TAI OGAWA, ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF ANTI-NUCLEAR WEAPON AND PEACE ORGANIZATIONS, WILL SPEND WEEK MARCH 6-13 IN US TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF 300-PLUS MEMBER JAPANESE OPPOSITION PARTY AND LABOR UNION NGO DELEGATION TO UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. ARAI AND OGAWA HAVE REQUESTED LABATT TO FACILITATE APPOINTMENT FOR THEM WITH AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OFFICER JIM ELLENBERGER MORNING MARCH 9 TO DISCUSS AMERICAN LABOR UNION VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT AND POSSIBLE VISIT TO AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS BY GENERAL SECRETARIES OF FOUR JAPANESE LABOR CONFEDERATIONS DURING SSOD IN JUNE. IN ADDITION, THEY REQUESTED BRIEFING FOR ENTIRE GROUP ON US DISARMAMENT POLICY BY APPROPRIATE ACDA OFFICER MARCH 10. GROUP BRINGING OWN
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INTERPRETER. OGAWA, WHILE IN NEW YORK MARCH 6-7, WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ALONE WITH USUN POLITICAL COUNSELOR PETREE FOR FRANK EVALUATION OF FORTHCOMING DISARMAMENT SESSION AND DEGREE OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE OVER NGO ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH SSOD.

2. OGAWA TOLD LABATT IN CONFIDENCE THAT DOMEI UNIONS PARTICIPATING

IN JAPANESE NGO DELEGATION AT REQUEST OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND UN ASSISTANT SEC GEN AKATANI IN ORDER TO PREVENT COMMUNISTS AND OTHER EXTREME LEFT-WING ELEMENTS FROM DOMINATING GROUP. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH LABATT, ARAI, WHO IS ONE OF PRINCIPAL ADVOCATES WITHIN SOHYO OF CLOSER TIES WITH AFL-CIO AND WESTERN EUROPEAN UNIONS, MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME POINT, INDICATING HE INTENDED TO DO HIS BEST TO "MODERATE" ANTI-GOJ PRONOUNCEMENTS OF DELEGATION. BOTH ARAI AND OGAWA CONFIRMED THAT GENSUIKYO SEC YOSHIDA, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THEM TO US, WAS ACTIVE MEMBER OF JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY, BUT THEY BELIEVE HIS BEING EXPOSED TO ACDA PRESENTATION MIGHT POSSIBLY DO HIM SOME GOOD.

3. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNS, FONOFF UN AFFAIRS DIRGEN OKAWA SAID HE HAD BEEN KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH JAPANESE NGO GROUP, HAVING DETERMINED THAT IT WAS IN GOJ INTEREST TO CREATE AS MUCH UNDERSTANDING AS POSSIBLE OF OFFICIAL POSITIONS SO AS TO AVOID APPEARANCES AT SSOD OF CONFLICT BETWEEN OFFICIAL JAPANESE DELEGATION AND NGO REPS. HE INTENDED TO HAVE MEETING WITH ENTIRE JAPANESE NGO DELEGATION BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE AND WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE FONMIN SONODA DROP IN ON SESSION. IN OKAWA'S VIEW IT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH US NGOS, INASMUCH AS ONLY A FEW OF JAPANESE MEMBERS WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND GA SESSION AND IT COULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE MEANINGFUL CONTACTS FOR REMAINDER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPOINTMENTS FOR ARAI AND OGAWA WITH
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AFL-CIO MORNING OF MARCH 9 AND BRIEFING AT ACDA MARCH 10.
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